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SUBJ: VIEWS OF MINSTATE FOR EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL ON SALAH ABDEL AAL MABROUK, NEWLY-NAMED MINISTER OF STATE FOR EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS, ON JUNE 20, AMBASSADOR INQUIRED RE MABROUK'S ASSESSMENT HIS NEW JOB. NOTING HE HAS REPUTATION WITHIN SUDAN AS OPPONENT SUDANESE/EGYPTIAN UNITY, MABROUK REPLIED HIS APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE REASSURING TO SUDANESE THAT NIMEIRI WOULD NOT GO TOO FAR IN RELATIONS WITH CAIRO. MABROUK SAID HE FAVORED CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES WITH EGYPTIANS, LEADING IN DUE COURSE PERHAPS TO ECONOMIC UNITY, BUT POLITICAL UNION WAS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. WITH SUDAN'S LARGE UNTAPPED RESOURCES ARABLE LAND AND WATER, EGYPT CURRENTLY NEEDED SUDAN MORE THAN VICE VERSA. MABROUK CONCLUDED THAT EGYPTIAN HELP ON MAJOR SCHEMES SUCH AS JONGELEI CANAL MUCH IN GOS INTEREST, SINCE CAIRO WOULD BE ABLE OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS FOR SUCH BIG PROJECTS FROM ARAB OIL STATES EASIER THAN COULD SUDAN.

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2. MABROUK EXPRESSED PLEASURE HE NO LONGER IN "CHIEF CLERK"

ROLE WHICH IS HOW HE DESCRIBED FORMER POST AS MINSTATE
PRESIDENTIAL AFFS. NEW POSITION GAVE HIM MORE
INDEPENDENT SCOPE WHILE AT SAME TIME MAINTAINING HIS READY
ACCESS TO NIMEIRI.

3. COMMENT: IN SIMILAR VEIN, NIMEIRI QUOTED IN PRESS JUNE 22
THAT ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITH EGYPT IS A REALITY BASED ON
"PHASED ACTION". HE MENTIONED JONGELEI CANAL AND PLAN
LINK BOTH COUNTRIES BY LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT. FINANCING
ANTICIPATED FROM FRIENDLY ARAB STATES AND INTERNATIONAL
AGENCIES.
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